

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF STEVEN MATTSO

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a longtime public servant, Steven Mattson of Lyme, Connecticut. Steven officially retired from his role as First Selectman of Lyme on July 5, 2022, given the end of the town's fiscal year. Initially appointed in 2017, Steven has dutifully filled the role of Lyme's highest official for three elected terms.

Steven has served the town of Lyme in multiple capacities for 27 years since he first moved with his family to Connecticut in 1996. This not only includes his tenure as First Selectman, but also an additional 17 years on the Board of Selectmen as well as positions on just about every other board and commission available in town. A small enclave of Connecticut and the larger New England region, with a local population hovering around 2,300, municipalities like Lyme rely on the leadership example set by Steven, who has acted as a knowledgeable public steward who could be trusted to advocate for the town's long-standing interests. He and the small but effective team at Lyme townhall have kept the municipal government operating like a well-oiled machine, working sharply to keep the community in strong financial shape without having to ask more of its constituents, and enhancing the locality's capacity for financial planning.

A bipartisan figure in the town of Lyme, Steven's impact has reached beyond administering the basic duties of a municipal government. Under his tenure as both Selectman and First Selectman, Lyme has been led by a watchful eye and bolstered by extensive financial planning, undergone a successful referendum toward the reconstruction of its school system, enhanced communications between the townhall and the public at large and experienced invaluable infrastructure improvements. Within the community, there is also a weighted value toward expanding the conservation of the town's small, historic, and environmental culture through its own public trusts and open spaces which Steven has undoubtedly continuously supported. In June 2022, Sustainable CT, a Statewide organization that uplifts inclusive, resilient and efficient municipal governance, recognized the leadership of Lyme and bestowed the town with its bronze certification. Clearly, the town of Lyme has benefitted from Steven's leadership.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure and an honor to represent constituents like Steven and his wife Maddy, who have committed a significant portion of their lives to the underappreciated necessity that is responsible governance. I had a chance to see his devotion to his family back in 2014, when his daughter Carly worked on one of my election cam-

paigns. She, like her parents, is a personable, public-spirited citizen who did fantastic work interacting with coworkers and voters. Her parents were extremely proud of her efforts, which were a great reflection of their values and empathy for people. As Steven retires to appreciate more time with his family, his long-standing presence in the public eye of the Lyme community will be sorely missed. And though the void left behind by his departure will be difficult to fill, it is worth emphasizing the impact of his legacy and great standing in which he leaves the town of Lyme. To that end, Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Steven Mattson's personal contributions to the town's future and congratulating him on his well-earned retirement.

IN MEMORY OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALEXANDER JEFFERSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the late Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, a World War II Tuskegee Airman and one of Michigan's most decorated pilots as we honor his memory.

Jefferson's remarkable and heroic service figures prominently in our nation's history. He was considered to be one of the "original" Tuskegee Airmen, which drew heavily from Michigan and were the U.S. Army's first Black Air Corps. Jefferson served as a P-51 fighter pilot with the Red Tails, 332nd Fighter Group 301st Fighter Squadron in Ramitelli, Italy. His unit bravely escorted bombers into action, providing critical protection from enemy aircraft without losing a single plane.

Jefferson was captured as a prisoner of war on August 12, 1944, three days before the invasion of Southern France, after he was shot down while firing at German radar stations on the coast. Presumed dead, he was held for more than nine months. He was liberated by Patton's 3rd Army on April 29, 1945.

After the war, Jefferson served as an instrument instructor in advanced flight training at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, continuing the storied Air Corps' legacy of excellence in flight. He was discharged from active duty in 1947 and retired from the reserves in 1969. In his civilian life, Jefferson worked as an elementary school science teacher in Detroit, where he would retire as an assistant principal in 1979. Jefferson served as a member of various church, educational, and alumni organizations, as well as being one of the founders of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen. He was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen Speaker Bureau, a life member of the Silver Falcon Association, and has served as an Admissions Counselor for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

He has received numerous awards and accolades for his bravery and his selfless service for our country, including the Purple Heart Award. He represented the best of Detroit. We have lost a great American patriot, a hero, and a Detroiter who should always be remembered for his service to freedom for our country. He may be gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. May his soul rest in peace.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF GLENDA GLOVER AS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT AND CEO OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

HON. NIKEMA WILLIAMS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Dr. Glenda Glover, Ph.D., JD, CPA, as International President and CEO of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. As a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I could not have asked for a better person to lead our more than 320,000 Sorors spread over at least 1,046 chapters from all over the world through the last four years.

Dr. Glover was born in Memphis, Tennessee the daughter of a civil rights activist and raised in the Civil Rights Movement. She graduated from Tennessee State University, an illustrious Historically Black College and University, before getting her MBA at another incomparable HBCU, Clark Atlanta University, proving that, truly, Atlanta Influences Everything. Not yet satisfied, she moved to Washington, D.C. and obtained a Ph.D. in Economics from George Washington University and a law degree from Georgetown University.

Professionally, Dr. Glover is a star. She spearheaded the creation of the country's first HBCU-based Ph.D. program in business at Jackson State University, and chaired the Department of Accounting at Howard University's School of Business. She has been a leader in the private sector, and currently serves as the President of her beloved alma mater, Tennessee State University, since 2013. Dr. Glover is not just the President either: she was the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's HBCU President of the Year in 2018, and HBCU Digest's 2019 Female President of the Year.

Dr. Glover did all of that while maintaining a leadership role in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Initiated into the Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated at Tennessee State University, where she served as President and Vice-President as an undergraduate. Dr. Glover has also served as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in Jackson, Mississippi before moving up to International Vice-President, International Treasurer, and Treasurer to the Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) of the entire Sorority.

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Since assuming the International Presidency and CEO role in 2018, Dr. Glover has led our Sorors powerfully to sustain us through the pandemic, and raised our voices on critical issues like Voting Rights and Black Maternal Health—ensuring that Sorors of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated are the VOICE of the movement, not the ECHO. Dr. Glover's Alpha Kappa Alpha Congressional Women's Roundtable continues to lead the charge toward solutions to create a better world for future generations by fighting for continued, meaningful investments in HBCUs, a comprehensive approach to ending the maternal health crisis in America, and protecting our democracy through safeguarding and expanding voting rights.

Dr. Glover has convened meetings with our Soror, Vice-President KAMALA HARRIS, to bring our community's needs to the highest level of our government, and is the Vice-Chair of President Joe Biden's HBCU Advisory Board.

I and every Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Soror, am indebted to Dr. Glover for her service to our Sorority. She is a living pillar of Black Excellence, and her leadership has and continues to lift up successive generations of Black leaders. As we celebrate her enduring legacy, her enriching sisterhood, and her exemplary service, let's remember the purpose that has animated her to succeed and to bring her community up with her.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LEE A. LUFT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary career of a dedicated and highly impactful public servant in the State of Connecticut and the U.S. Coast Guard, Information Technology Specialist, Mr. Lee Luft. After nearly 43 years of diligent service in the U.S. Coast Guard, Lee retired on March 1, 2022. His retirement is to be honored at the United States Coast Guard Academy Officer's Club on August 12, 2022.

Born and raised in Connecticut, Lee graduated from Wilcox Regional Vocational Technical High School in 1976, certified as an electrician. Lee continued his studies in that trade at Hartford State Technical College in 1979, graduating with an Associate in Science Degree in Electronics and Technology. That same year, Lee changed career paths and pursued a new vocation, joining the U.S. Coast Guard's Research and Development Center (RDC) as a Digital Computer Maintenance Worker. For those who are not familiar with the center, it is the hub of Coast Guard operational analysis and mission execution solutions, located in the Fort Trumbull section of New London, Connecticut. The center is responsible for testing and evaluation in all the mission areas of the Coast Guard, including maritime law enforcement, environmental protection, and national defense preparedness, to name a few. During Lee's tenure, the work of the R and D Center was constantly evolving, as the mission requirements of the Coast Guard changed. The 9–11 attack on our homeland, the rising challenges of climate change, the increase in human trafficking and

drug smuggling at sea all occurred on Lee's watch. Like the entire team at the center, Lee was deeply involved in the Coast Guard's need to competently respond to new roles which hinged on highly functional information systems—his area of expertise. He remained at the RDC for a total of more than 39 years, advancing all the way to the role of Information Technology Specialist by the early 2000s. As a reflection of his ambitious nature and desire to improve his skill, it is also worth noting that Lee completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the University of New Haven in 1999.

Lee's service extended to several other sections of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). From RDC he transitioned to USCG Command Control, Communications, Computers, and Information Technology (C4IT) Service Center Business Operations Division. He was later reassigned to C5ISC and specialized in Architecture and Engineering Standards. Lee was known to not back down from a challenge while at the Coast Guard, including the several opportunities he took up to represent both the Coast Guard and our Nation as Technical Delegate for the United States National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission in many places in and out of the country over his career.

As someone who began their career with an electrician apprenticeship, Lee has moved up the ranks to become a nationally and internationally recognized presence, representing the United States on shipboard network standardization and communication protocols used by all types of Marine Electronic Equipment. Lee has been a significant player in the development of the USCG Nationwide Differential GPS (NDGPS), as well as a principal in the design and development of the USCG Nationwide AIS Client/Server architecture, and all AIS interface and network protocols. He has been bestowed several awards for his innovative research, including the Hammer Award from former Vice President Gore for his role in the development of the Differential Global Positioning System and a Civilian Service Commendation Medal for his work at the Coast Guard RDC between 1979 and 2018.

Madam Speaker, Lee's contributions to the U.S. Coast Guard and the effectiveness of our Nation's strategic communications are immeasurable. His life's work is clearly deserving of an equal amount of gratitude. His life and career, dedicated to public service, exist as an inspiration to those who follow in his footsteps. Although his retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard undoubtedly leaves large shoes to fill, we are grateful that the U.S. Coast Guard will continue to receive his support in retirement. To these ends, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring, thanking, and commending Lee Luft for his successful commitment to the public well-being and safety by immortalizing his career through the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CELEBRATING THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRAIRIE DU ROCHER, ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 300th anniversary of Prairie du Rocher, Illinois.

Three centuries ago, French settlers established roots along the Mississippi River, where an open prairie stretched from near the river's edge to tall limestone bluffs.

They called the settlement Prairie du Rocher—"Prairie of the Rock." It once represented the western boundary of the United States; and it still stands as one of the finest historical and architectural examples of French Colonial Heritage in the United States.

Here they tilled the soil and built their homes, caring for their families, their community, and their land. Traditions, celebrations, and their social fabric have held fast to this day. In its tricentennial year, Prairie du Rocher seeks to preserve the historical significance of this city. In such a fast-moving, ever-changing world, it's more important than ever that we treasure such a unique past, as it moves forward in today's world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating 300 years of Prairie du Rocher. May there be many, many more.

RECOGNIZING THE 2022 HIGH PLAINS HONOR FLIGHT

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of America's heroic veterans and to recognize the Honor Flight Network, which conducts annual trips for veterans to Washington, D.C., to tour the memorials built in celebration of their bravery. On May 15, 2022, High Plains Honor Flight gave many of our courageous veterans this extraordinary opportunity, flying them to our Nation's capitol. I am pleased to congratulate the May 15, 2022, High Plains Honor Flight and to acknowledge the World War II, Korean war, Vietnam war, and Gulf war veterans of Colorado who took part in it.

Madam Speaker, those who participated in this flight are as follows:

World War II Veterans: Frank Marsaglia and Willis Renter.

Korean war veterans: Frederick Ames, Marion Anderson, James Avgares, Harry Bieber, Eugene Bott, Myron House, Bernard Molley, Rudy Romero, Rupert Ross, Stanley Singer, Albert Vigil, Norman Vissering, and Kenneth Yarberry.

Veteran of both the Korean & Vietnam wars: James Coats.

Vietnam war veterans: James Aschenbrener, Michael Bagley, George Baker, Donald Bauer, Vernon Bauer, Robert Beers, Johnnie Bellington, Gerald Bragg, Kermit Bratten, Charles Breneman, Frank Brooks, Michael Brouwer, Keith Burner, Bruce Chandler, Monserrato Conder, Jr, Jackie Crow, Gary Davis, Barry Dibble, Walter Diehl, Rodney

Dimmick, Daniel Dorsey, III, Kenneth Dunnington, Gary Eisenberg, Danny Ely, Kenneth Emmons, William Esch, Richard Essebaggers, Mark Fidrych, Robert Fix, David Foster, Jerry Fox, Walter Fuller, Herbert Gagne, Ernest Gallardo, Chester Gallup, Robert Giguere, Douglas Gould, James Gregg, William Griffin, II, Ned Gurule, Richard Hannan, Dennis Hemphill, Wilfred Heppner, John Hohenstein, Robert Hopper, Carl Howell, William Hudson, Elias Huerta, Cy Johnson, William Kindel, Jr., Edward Kinsall, Rodney Knight, Rodney Koberstein, Richard Krebs, Dennis Laughlin, Gary Lebo, Donald Lebruska, Howard Leino, Charles Littrell, Francisco Lopez, Willard Martin, Clyde Martinez, John Martinez of Aurora, John Martinez of Fort Collins, Paul McMillen, Carl Meloche, Gary Merritt, Charles Miscio, Clair Morrison, Dennis Nagel, Daniel Nehls, Jerald Norris, Roy Orback, Larry Ouret, Edward Phillips, Ralph Phillips, Richard Phillips, Thomas Putney, Francisco Rioz, Terry Ritenour, George Ryan, Richard Sediva, Thomas Shover, Stephen Small, Larry Smith, Jimmie Smith, Jr., William Snyder, David Stalsworth, Jimmy Steggall, Richard Stokes, John Stude, Ronald Stugart, Newell Swanson, Dennis Swartz, Steven Tintes, Kenneth Trevithick, Kenneth Vegter, Kurt Voelkeit, Perry Walker, Robert Ward, William Weber, William Weigle, Robert Weiner, Jerry White, and Robert Wurdemann.

Veteran of the Gulf war: James Merryfield. It is my distinct privilege as the United States Representative of the 4th District of Colorado to recognize the honor, courage, and sacrifice of these heroes, along with that of all other members of America's Armed Forces. I thank them for their dedication and service to this nation.

OBSERVING THE LOSS OF JOSEPH SHELTRY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the loss of a dedicated patriot, Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Joseph Francis Sheltry of Gales Ferry, Connecticut. A patriot at heart, LCDR Sheltry struck everyone he met with his sincere, personable and enthusiastic character. He led a distinguished career and fulfilling life prior to his untimely death on August 7th, 2020—a week before his 58th birthday. He is to be interred at Arlington National Cemetery this August, bearing us with a new opportunity to honor his memory.

Born in 1962 to Claire and Joseph Sheltry, Joseph was raised in Boston. From an early age, his parents instilled in him the value of service to one's community and Nation. Immediately upon graduating Dominic Savio Catholic High School in 1980, it was with those ideals in mind that Joseph enlisted in the Navy. It would just so happen that in that same inaugural year of service with the Navy that Joseph met his life partner and wife of 37 years—Lorraine—while working as a hospital corpsman for the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

It wasn't long until Joseph and Lorraine married in 1983. Soon after that, in 1985, Joseph was selected for the Enlisted Commis-

sioning Program and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry as the Honor Graduate from the University of Idaho. From there, he was selected for the Nuclear Propulsion Program and served on the USS *Lafayette* and the USS *Kamehameha*. Understanding the value of continuing education, Joseph returned to school following these deployments and received his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in California in 1994, followed by a second master's degree just a few years later.

Armed with such an extensive background, Joseph was assigned as the Navigator on the USS *Grayling*, where he deployed out of Groton, Connecticut. At this point in time, Joseph and Lorraine were ready to establish more permanent roots with what was by then a growing family. Just a day before his deployment, they moved into their first home in the neighboring village of Gales Ferry, Connecticut, with their two children, Jaclyn and Erica. It was within those few short years that LCDR was attached to Commander Submarine Group 4 Norfolk. Madam Speaker, it is worth emphasizing, however, that the nature of Joseph's life story was an interwoven, dutiful balance between family and service to one's country, as the naval officer could not help but return home to stand by his wife's side as their third child, Leah, came into the world.

Their family full, these central, dual tenets of service for LCDR Sheltry reverberated through the remainder of Joseph's vibrant life. After 21 years of service with the Navy, LCDR Sheltry officially retired in August 2001. Just about a month into retirement though, he was stirred back to action following the September 11th attacks and heeded the call of our Nation in mourning, stationing at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Bahrain. He remained dedicated to the strength of our Navy following his tour in Bahrain, returning to his family in Gales Ferry while picking up work at Electric Boat in the neighboring town of Groton, Connecticut. From there, LCDR Sheltry transitioned to the Naval Undersea Warfare Division Newport as the Sensors and SONAR Systems Department Head until his passing nearly two years ago.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to represent constituents, who, exemplified by Joseph Sheltry, are constituted by such selfless devotion. Joseph's work had a direct impact on the betterment of our Nation's security, and, despite such an early passing, his contagious bright personality continues to live on through all those who knew him—particularly his family: surviving him are his wife Lorraine, three daughters, mother, siblings and extended family. He had such a genuine attitude and motivation to his aura, which he always purposed toward uplifting those around him. His positive force will not soon leave us. To these ends, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring LCDR Joseph Francis Sheltry, a committed servicemember, father, husband and shipmate, whose resolute loyalty acts as an example to us all, setting his name into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as his final place of rest at Arlington National Cemetery is prepared for him.

HONORING LANCE CPL. EVAN STRICKLAND

HON. YVETTE HERRELL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of 19-year-old Lance Cpl. Evan Strickland of Valencia County, New Mexico. On June 8, he was tragically killed during an Osprey helicopter crash at a training exercise near San Diego, California. Lance Cpl. Strickland graduated Valencia High School in 2020, where he made an immense impact on his fellow peers.

He chose to serve our nation honorably in the United States Marine Corps within the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing as a tilt-rotor crew chief. Lance Cpl. Strickland will be remembered for his good-hearted personality, kind character, and calling to serve our nation. My deepest condolences are with his family, friends, and loved ones during this extremely difficult time. While he will be deeply missed by our nation and our communities across New Mexico, we will be forever grateful and remember Lance Cpl. Strickland.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM FLYNN, JR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William Flynn, Jr., who passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at the young age of 87.

Bill was born on December 10, 1934, in Philadelphia, PA, the son of William Flynn, Sr. and Rose Flynn (Rossillo). He was proud of his Irish-Italian upbringing in South Philadelphia. Bill's family moved to Natrona, Pennsylvania, after WWII. During the Korean war, while attending St. Vincent's College he had enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Germany, while stationed there he got his first taste of life in Europe. When he returned to the states he would enroll at Youngstown College for engineering, he joined the fraternity Alpha Phi Delta. While attending college he married his high school sweetheart, Anne Sebak.

In 1963 he was hired by Packard Electric as an engineer, and the family moved to Warren, OH. Bill would work in many different capacities while there, and made many lifetime friends there as well. Bill and Anne and family were a staple of the Northeast Warren neighborhood, where neighborhood kids were welcomed as their own, which would be a theme throughout Bill's life. He had so many hobbies and things that he loved to do, and with each came along an entire group of good friends and he enjoyed all of their company. Hunting, sailing, wine making, tennis and his MG.

He was a gifted but humble artist. He spent many summers at Mosquito Lake sailing at the Cortland Conservation Club, and enjoyed the banter of the Panera crew. He could be seen cruising around in his MG with Elmo riding "shotgun." Nothing meant more to him then spending time with friends and family. Sadly

Anne would pass in 1996, and Bill would later retire from Packard. A few years later, Bill would be reenergized when he remarried Arlene Boyle (McNicholas), and Bill would welcome her children as his own. The two would spend many summers enjoying the Poconos at her cottage on Long Lake.

To carry on Bill's memory he leaves behind his brother Robert Flynn of Centerville, VA, a son William Flynn, III (Mariella Frajia) of Warren, OH, a daughter Tara Breuer (Herm) of Warren, OH, stepchildren Jennifer Beck (Frank) of Poland, OH, Jacqueline Boyle (Tim Lanza) of Columbus, OH, Terri Boyle of Calabash, NC, John Boyle (Patty) of Springfield, NJ, Arlene Ferraro (Todd) of Bradfordwoods, PA, granddaughters Bailey Breuer, Emily Breuer, stepgrandchildren Simone Boyle, Sophia Lanza, Lauren Hinkle, Tim Beck, Tom Beck, Elizabeth Criscione, Christopher Boyle, Tavish Boyle, Blair Boyle, Cagney Boyle, Dillon Grace Ferraro, Chase Ferraro and Jack Ferraro and three great grandchildren, many in-laws, nieces and nephews and cousins. Through research it was determined that Bill was the "Greatest Grandpa Ever" this was verified by a T-Shirt and a coffee mug.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Geraldine Flynn, his wife Anne, and his second wife Arlene.

OBSERVING THE PASSING OF BRUCE MACDONALD

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of dedicated community leader, Bruce MacDonald of New London, Connecticut. Mr. MacDonald, a devoted husband and father, passed away at the age of 78 on June 1, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born just down the road from New London in Westerly, Rhode Island, in 1943 to Lemuel and Margaret MacDonald, Bruce was raised in a household that placed value on community service. Eager to understand and experience the larger world and serve his country, he enlisted in the Army before even graduating high school.

Upon the conclusion of his service, Bruce returned home to Rhode Island and enrolled at Johnson Wales College earning an associates degree. An easygoing, curious man at heart, he found his true calling as a news reporter. As someone who was never known to take the larger picture for granted, Bruce had a passion for advocating for the most disadvantaged. As a newsman, this meant that he became quickly known for disseminating a broader perspective and a sense of empathy amongst the public, crafting thoughtful, enlightening stories about groups of people living through hardship. A powerful, friendly voice for the powerless, Bruce took on career roles at several radio stations in Westerly, Rhode Island; Norwich, Connecticut; and Hartford, Connecticut before becoming an influential voice in newspapers, including *The Norwich Bulletin*, *Groton News*, *The Day* of New London and *USA Today*. His prodigious work and ubiquitous presence, made him a well-known, trusted media personality in much of South-eastern New England.

A man of adventure, Bruce still had a strong appreciation for the fundamentals of life. While reporting for *The Day* newspaper, Bruce met a colleague who would become the love of his life, Gail Braccidiferno. They married in Gail's getaway state, Vermont, in 1986, and soon after were grateful to bring a daughter, Cara, into the world. Family in hand, multiple worlds of opportunity collided for Bruce at that point in his life, as they then traveled to and lived outside of Washington, D.C., for a short stint while he worked on the World Wise Schools project for the US Peace Corps. While an exciting opportunity for Bruce, this was of course just one of many worldly-travel experiences for the family. Upon their return to Connecticut, Bruce transitioned to a new career in public media relations for community stakeholders within the region, first the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and then the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

Through both the nurturing of his family and informing the public, the capacity of Bruce's devoted nature was seemingly endless. There are further examples of Bruce's dedication, however, which existed through service to his community. From an early age, this included volunteering for the ambulance corps and Civil Air Patrol and running for local offices in his hometown. This penchant for community service followed him for the entirety of his life and throughout much of southeastern Connecticut—in both the coastal towns of Stonington and New London in which he lived, he was known for his active involvement in both communities and the region as a whole. In New London, his longtime adopted home, he was locally known to have volunteered at the Homeless Hospitality Center, served as a board member of the Thames River Heritage Park Foundation, a representative on the Eastern Connecticut Tourism Board, an organizer of the Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival and an active member of the New London Rotary Club. The list goes on and on. Even into his final years as he charged into a battle with cancer, he served his hometown of New London undeterred as Secretary to the local Town Committee.

Madam Speaker, though we mourn his loss, the brightness that Bruce emulated into our lives will not part from us easily. Hardships were never able to defeat his unyielding optimism or his dedication to his community. And so, in an equal amount of respect toward Bruce and what his life meant for the town, we will not be overcome by the hardship that is his loss. His lasting impact will be remembered by thousands—particularly his surviving family, namely, his wife Gail and daughter, Cara, of Middletown, Connecticut, who lovingly stayed by his side during his illness. I had the honor and privilege to hire Cara in my congressional office for a number of years, and through her, got a chance to know Bruce in his role as a parent and a keen advisor on issues of the day. He was beloved by my entire staff over the 16 years I have served in congress. While his legacy will not soon be forgotten, it is most proper that we extend his memory as a prime example of service to one's community and country. To that end, I ask that this chamber joins me in observing the passing of Bruce MacDonald, further setting his name and character into the permanence of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David P. Pekoske, of Maryland, to be Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 1345, to establish a national mercury monitoring program, S. 2476, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a pilot program for hyperlocal air quality monitoring projects in environmental justice communities, and an original bill entitled, "Public Health Air Quality Act".

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dean R. Thompson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Yohannes Abraham, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of South-east Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Richard Lee Bungan, of California, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, and Marie C. Damour, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu, all of the Department of State.

SD-419/VTC

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reproductive care in a post-Roe America, focusing on barriers, challenges, and threats to women's health.

SH-216

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Doris L. Pryor, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, Gina R. Mendez-Miro, and Camille L. Velez-Rive, all of Puerto Rico, each to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Energy

To hold hearings to examine pathways to lower energy prices in the United States.

SD-366

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Roselyn Tso, of Oregon, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Assistance.

SR-428A

2:45 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 3372, to amend title 38, United States Code, to strengthen benefits for children of Vietnam veterans born with spina bifida, S. 3548, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service-connection for certain veterans with tinnitus or hearing loss, S. 3606, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the requirement to specify an effective period of transfer of Post-9/11 educational assistance to a dependent, S. 3994, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to repay the estates of deceased beneficiaries for certain benefits paid by the Secretary and misused by fiduciaries of such beneficiaries, S. 4141, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the

Department of Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States, S. 4208, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to update the appraisal requirements for certain loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 4223, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2022, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 4308, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the definition of spouse and surviving spouse to include all individuals lawfully married, S. 4319, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to regularly promote programs under chapter 31 of such title, S. 4458, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the process by which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines whether an educational institution meets requirements relating to the percentage of students who receive educational assistance furnished by the Secretary, an original bill entitled, "Native American Direct Loan Improvement Act", an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to address the operation and maintenance of veterans' cemeteries on trust land owned by, or held in trust for, tribal organizations, and an original bill entitled, "No Bonuses For Bad Exams Act".

SR-418

JULY 14

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Rachel Bloomekatz, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Florence Y. Pan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Elizabeth Wilson Hanes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Ana C. Reyes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Carlton W. Reeves, of Mississippi, to be a Member, and to be Chair, and Laura E. Mate, of Iowa, Claire McCusker Murray, of Maryland, Luis Felipe Restrepo, of Pennsylvania, Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, John Gleeson, of New York, and Candice C. Wong, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member, all of the United States Sentencing Commission, and

Carlos Felipe Uriarte, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Adair Ford Boroughs, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, and Enix Smith III, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, all of the Department of Justice.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Industry and Security, focusing on advancing national security and foreign policy through export controls.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Donald R. Cravins, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Minority Business Development, and Susie Feliz, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce.

SR-253

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine protecting the homeland from unmanned aircraft systems.

SD-342

JULY 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine addressing weapons of mass destruction and health security threats to the homeland.

SD-342

JULY 20

11 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-406

POSTPONEMENTS

JULY 13

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217